

## Mini Biography

Dr .Gemma MM Jones has a background in biology, gerontology, and nursing and her doctoral research was in the neuropsychology of Alzheimer’s disease. She is an internationally known dementia care educator, writer, speaker, design consultant, and Director of The Wide Spectrum – which develops and promotes dementia education resources. She is also the founding and current chair of the Alzheimer Café UK, (CIO, no. 1165335) [see: [AlzheimerCafe.co.uk](http://AlzheimerCafe.co.uk)]. She was a member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics workgroup: Report: ‘Dementia: ethical issues’. See also [TheWideSpectrum.co.uk](http://TheWideSpectrum.co.uk) for articles, information about her speaking engagements, and various books - including: ‘*The Alzheimer Café: why it works*’, the TAD (thoughts about dementia) newsletters, and most recently, ‘About dementia: for families with children’.



## Brief Biography

Gemma MM Jones has a background in biology, gerontology, and nursing and a doctorate concerning the neuropsychology of Alzheimer’s disease. She writes, lectures, teaches and consults – internationally - about dementia care, care environments and Alzheimer Cafés (AC).

With Dr. Bère Miesen, she co-edited the four volumes of *Care-giving in Dementia* – Routledge Pubs. (1992-2006), to contribute to the developing knowledge-base for dementia-care. She has over 100 publications and DVDs. Recent books: ‘*The Alzheimer Café: why it works*’, 2010; ‘*Vol. 1, TAD Newsletters - Thoughts About Dementia- the first fifty*’, 2012; and, ‘About dementia: for families with Children’, 2016.

In 2000, she co-founded the first Alzheimer Café UK (AC) and is chair of the charity. She was a member of the workgroup for the Nuffield Council on Bioethics with produced the report - ‘*Dementia: ethical issues*’, 2009. As Director of The Wide Spectrum she develops dementia education materials. Her research interests include understanding how sensory and time-perception changes affect behavior and offer new ideas for bespoke care. She consults on the design of user-friendly dementia care environments.

Of the many courses she has developed and taught to professionals, caregivers and family carers, the best known is ‘*Communication and Care-giving in Dementia: a positive vision*’. The one-day course, for anyone interested in dementia, “**Lighting DARC - dementia awareness reaching communities**”, has been taught to over 1700 people and has resulted in police, fire officers and others attending and supporting Alzheimer Cafés.

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